

under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, such additional copies as the committee may by rule prescribe.

(b) All papers filed with the Clerk pursuant to this chapter shall be promptly transmitted by him to the committee.

(Pub. L. 91-138, § 14, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 289.)

§ 394. Computation of time

(a) Method of computing time

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this chapter or by the rules or any order of the committee, the day of the act, event, or default after which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, a Sunday, nor a legal holiday. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. For the purposes of this chapter, "legal holiday" shall mean New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day appointed as a holiday by the President or the Congress of the United States.

(b) Service by mail

Whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceeding within a prescribed period after the service of a pleading, motion, notice, brief, or other paper upon him, which is served upon him by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period.

(c) Enlargement of time

When by this chapter or by the rules or any order of the committee an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time, the committee, for good cause shown, may at any time in its discretion (1) with or without motion or notice, order the period enlarged if request therefor is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order, or (2) upon motion made after the expiration of the specified period, permit the act to be done where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect, but it shall not extend the time for serving and filing the notice of contest under section 382 of this title.

(Pub. L. 91-138, § 15, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 290.)

§ 395. Death of contestant

In the event of the death of the contestant, the contested election case shall abate.

(Pub. L. 91-138, § 16, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 290.)

§ 396. Allowance of party's expenses

The committee may allow any party reimbursement from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives of his reasonable expenses of the contested election case, including reasonable attorneys fees, upon the verified application of such party accompanied by a complete and detailed account of his expenses and supporting vouchers and receipts.

(Pub. L. 91-138, § 17, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 290.)

CHAPTER 13—JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS

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§ 411. Joint Committee on Congressional Operations

(a) Creation

There is hereby created a Joint Committee on Congressional Operations (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the "Joint Committee").

(b) Membership

The Joint Committee shall be composed of ten members as follows:

(1) five Members of the Senate, appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, three from the majority party and two from the minority party; and

(2) five Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three from the majority party and two from the minority party.

(c) Vacancies

Vacancies in the membership of the Joint Committee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of the Joint Committee and shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original appointment.

(d) Chairman and vice chairman; selection

The Joint Committee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of each Congress. The vice chair-

man shall act in the place and stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman. The chairmanship and the vice chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and the House of Representatives with each Congress. The chairman during each even-numbered Congress shall be selected by the Members of the House of Representatives on the Joint Committee from among their number and the chairman during each odd-numbered Congress shall be selected by the Members of the Senate on the Joint Committee from among their number. The vice chairman during each Congress shall be chosen in the same manner from that House of Congress other than the House of Congress of which the chairman is a Member.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 401, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1187.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective immediately prior to noon on Jan. 3, 1971, see section 601(1) of Pub. L. 91-510, set out as an Effective Date of 1970 Amendment note under section 72a of this title.

CESSATION

No funds have been appropriated for the Joint Committee on Congressional Operations subsequent to Sept. 30, 1977, and the Joint Committee has ceased to function.

§ 412. Duties of Joint Committee

(a) Congressional improvements, study and recommendations; identification of court proceedings

The Joint Committee shall—

(1) make a continuing study of the organization and operation of the Congress of the United States and shall recommend improvements in such organization and operation with a view toward strengthening Congress, simplifying its operations, improving its relationships with other branches of the United States Government, and enabling it better to meet its responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States; and

(2) identify any court proceeding or action which, in the opinion of the Joint Committee, is of vital interest to the Congress, or to either House of the Congress, as a constitutionally established institution of the Federal Government and call such proceeding or action to the attention of that House of the Congress which is specifically concerned or to both Houses of the Congress if both Houses are concerned.

(b) Exercise of functions under section 416 of this title

The Joint Committee shall exercise all functions vested in it by section 416 of this title.

(c) Report to Congress

The Joint Committee shall report, from time to time, to the Senate and the House of Representatives their recommendations with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the Joint Committee.

(d) Excepted matters

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the Joint Committee to make any recommendations with respect to the rules, par-

liamentary procedure, practices, or precedents of either House or the consideration of any matter on the floor of either House.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 402, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1187.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 414 of this title.

§ 412a. Continuing study of jurisdiction of House standing committees by House members of Joint Committee; periodic report to House Committee on Rules; contents and purposes of report

The House members of the Joint Committee on Congressional Operations shall undertake and conduct a continuing study of the jurisdiction of the various standing committees of the House under Rule X of the Rules of the House and the relative workloads sustained by such committees as a result thereof, and periodically shall prepare for submission to and consideration by the Committee on Rules (and for possible submission by that committee to the full House) a report including any recommended changes in the Rules of the House which may be necessary or appropriate to effect a more equitable distribution of workload or a more rational combination of jurisdictional responsibilities. It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the House members of the Joint Committee on Congressional Operations should work with the Senate members of such joint committee in an effort to rationalize the committee jurisdiction between the Houses.

(Pub. L. 93-554, title I, ch. III, § 101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 206 of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93-554.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 101 of Pub. L. 93-554 provided in part that the enactment of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, into permanent law is effective on Jan. 2, 1975. This section is derived from enactment into permanent law of section 206 of House Resolution No. 988.

§ 413. Powers of Joint Committee; rule making, majority requirement; subpoenas, signature and service; administration of oaths

The Joint Committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act at such places and times during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of Congress, to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths and affirmations, to take such testimony, to procure such printing and binding, and to make such expenditures, as it deems advisable. The Joint Committee may make such rules respecting its organization and procedures as it deems necessary, except that no recommendation shall be reported from the Joint Committee unless a majority of the Joint Committee assent. Subpoenas may be issued over the signature of the chairman of the Joint Committee or of

any member designated by him or by the Joint Committee, and may be served by such person or persons as may be designated by such chairman or member. The chairman of the Joint Committee or any member thereof may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 403, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188.)

§ 414. Staff of Joint Committee: appointment, duties, pay, discharge; utilization of Government personnel, consultants, and experts

(a) In carrying out its functions under subsections (a) and (c) of section 412 of this title, the Joint Committee is authorized, by record vote of a majority of the members of the Joint Committee—

(1) to appoint, on a permanent basis, without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform their duties, not more than six professional staff members and not more than six clerical staff members;

(2) to prescribe their duties and responsibilities;

(3) to fix their pay at respective per annum gross rates not in excess of the highest rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time, of the General Schedule of section 5332(a) of title 5; and

(4) to terminate their employment as the Joint Committee may deem appropriate.

(b) In carrying out any of its functions under this chapter, the Joint Committee is authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the departments and establishments of the Government, and to procure the temporary (not to exceed one year) or intermittent services of experts or consultants or organizations thereof by contract at rates of pay not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest rate of basic pay set forth in the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5, including payment of such rates for necessary traveltime.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 404, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188.)

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

§ 415. Records of Joint Committee

The Joint Committee shall keep a complete record of all Joint Committee actions, including a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded. All records, data, charts, and files of the Joint Committee shall be the property of the Joint Committee and shall be kept in the offices of the Joint Committee or such other places as the Joint Committee may direct.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 405, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188.)

§ 416. Office of Placement and Office Management

(a) Supervision of Joint Committee; Director and other personnel: appointment, duties, pay, and termination of employment

There is hereby established for the Congress an Office of Placement and Office Management which shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee is authorized, by record vote of a majority of the members of the Joint Committee—

(1) to appoint, on a permanent basis, without regard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis of fitness to perform his duties, a Director of the Office of Placement and Office Management to serve as the head of the staff of the Office and such personnel as the Joint Committee deems necessary;

(2) to prescribe their duties and responsibilities;

(3) to fix their pay at respective per annum gross rates not in excess of the highest rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time of the General Schedule of section 5332(a) of title 5; and

(4) to terminate their employment, as the Joint Committee may deem appropriate.

(b) Assistance in personnel hiring and office management

It shall be the duty of the Office, upon request, to assist Members, committees, and officers of the Senate and House of Representatives seeking competent personnel with specified qualifications and to furnish advice and information with respect to office management procedures.

(c) Use of facilities not required when inappropriate

Nothing in this section shall be held or considered to require the use of the facilities of the Office by any Member, committee, or officer of the Senate or House of Representatives, if, in the opinion of such Member, committee, or officer, the use of such facilities is inappropriate.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 406, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1189.)

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 412 of this title.

§ 417. Expenses of Joint Committee; payment from contingent fund

The expenses of the Joint Committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, from funds appropriated for the Joint Committee, upon vouchers approved by the chairman.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 407, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1189.)

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